



A Multi-Ethnic Family of Faith Sharing Christ's Love
into our Community and to the World

Salem Lutheran Ministries messenger

SEPTEMBER 2014 NEWSLETTER

Coming in September...



Salem Lutheran Ministries

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David White
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Darlene Diercouff
Administrative Assistant

Sunday Morning Worship

8:00 am & 10:30 am

Sunday School

9:15 am

Adult Bible Class

9:30 am

Cristo Para Todos Worship Service

10:30 am

Rockhouse—Rockies



Youth Night Kick-Off



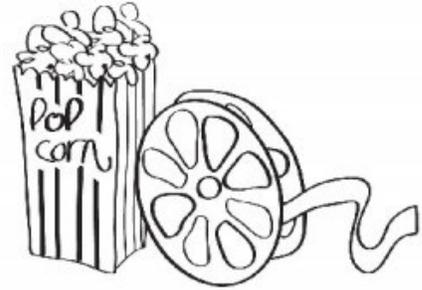
Fresh Start



LWML Take Out Lunches



Twice Fed



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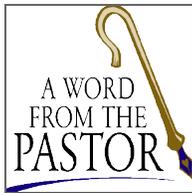
Scholastic Book Fair



New Bible Studies



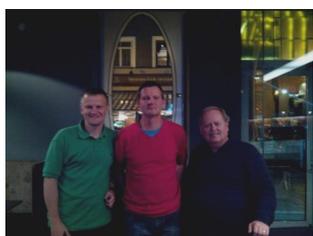
From the Pastor...



Dear Friends,

I thank God for the many opportunities that He has given to me through His most amazing grace to serve with Christ in bringing salvation to people He so dearly loves. It amazes me that God would want to work with me, a fallen sinner with many weaknesses, to prepare God's people for works of service to build God's Kingdom in the Baltics and in Northwest Arkansas. This goes way beyond my wildest dreams. All I can do is take advantage of the opportunities that God has given to me and ask God to give me the wisdom and the courage to be a pastoral leader to equip others to join us in God's mission of bringing salvation to a fallen world.

First of all, I want to thank the leadership and members of Salem Lutheran Ministries for allowing me to continue working in the Baltics. I shared with the Latvian pastors that my congregation has been very gracious to allow me to come to Latvia. One of the pastors asked if they still paid me for the three weeks that I was in Latvia. I responded that they did and that members of our congregation also gave financial support to help cover other expenses. The pastors were truly amazed and asked me to make sure that I thanked you for your generosity.



Second, I want to share a few highlights of my time in the Baltics. Six years ago I helped plant a Latvian Church in Ireland. Rev. Artis Eglitis asked me to join him in Ireland to meet with the church leadership and even the Latvian ambassador to Ireland while I was in Europe. I was excited to learn that there are six men ready to be trained as lay evangelists to help develop the ministry to Latvians in Ireland. We also had conversation with the ambassador about having summer camps in Latvia for children living in Ireland. This would give us the opportunity to send Americans to Latvia next summer to help support the Latvians in presenting these camps. More information to follow as this opportunity develops.

Rev. Scot Rische, Rev. James Otte and I served with trained Latvian pastors to present a week-long leadership conference sponsored by the Pastoral Leadership Institute International. The pastoral leadership program is a 4 year program which includes a week-long conference and smaller meetings throughout the year to provide accountability and support in reaching their specific ministry goals in becoming more missional in their ministries. A high point for the week was when one of the pastor's wives came up to me and said: "The Latvian teachers are great, but you guys from America give us real hope. We hope that you will come back for at least one more year for our husband's sake." This affirmation brought tears to my eyes.

I want you to know that it is good to be back in Arkansas. I feel a little overwhelmed as I write this letter. So much to do and it is difficult for me to know where to start. Fall programs need to get started, plans need to be arranged for Pastor Martin's arrival in late September, people need to be visited, building plans need to be developed, etc., etc. It forces me to give all this to the Lord in prayer and know that this ministry doesn't belong to me; it belongs to the Lord and His people working together in God's grace and mercy.

In Christ's love,

Pastor Mark

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Bible Studies and Other Topics

Adult Bible Study

Sunday Morning Bible Study
— meets at 9:30am.

Sunday Morning Bible Study:

Sunday Morning Bible Study begins at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Study—**LifeLight Foundations: Prophecy**

Children's Sunday School Classes begin at 9:15am.

The Jr. High/High School Classes go back to their regular schedule this month, with the Jr. High class meeting in the old library in the church and the High School class meeting in the FLC in the youth room. 9:30am

Other Bible Studies:

The Tuesday Morning Adult Bible Study Group. They began a new study on September 2 at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. They are studying the **last Epistles in the New Testament** with a continuing focus on **Matt. 5 & 6 plus a reading from Proverbs.** Led by Bert Neely.

The **Men's Bible Study** meets on Wednesday mornings at 7:30 in the Meeting Room. They are studying **The Book of Matthew.** Led by Pastor Krause.

The **Women's Bible Study Group** began again on September 3 with a new Bible Study on the **Book of James.** They meet in the Meeting Room at 9:00am.

Our Neighbor's Faith will meet this month on September 21st. Place TBA.

Campus Ministry (Rockies) meets each Wednesday at the Rockhouse at 6:30pm for a meal, Bible study and fellowship.

Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study



The Women's Wednesday morning Bible study group will begin a new study on September 3rd. They meet in the Meeting Room at 9 a.m. The study: "Responding to Grace", a study of the Epistle of James, is a 10-week series on the Book of James. This study is designed for both interactive personal study and group discussion. Marci Wilson leads this study. Contact her with any questions.

New Fall Guy's Bible Study



New Bible Study for men ages 16—30ish. This video Bible study, "Stepping Up" gives young men a definition and plan that they can live out. It unpacks Biblical manhood and what it means to be a godly, courageous man in today's world. The Bible Study is a 10-week study and began on Sunday, September 7, at 9:30am. They meet in a classroom down the 4's hallway. Led by Brandon Gordley.

Chase – A New Young Adult Women's Bible Study



A Bible Study for Young Adult women began this month at the same time that Brandon Gordley's one for young adult men (Sundays at 9:30am). The women are having a discussion-based study of the Bible called "Chase" by Jennie Allen. This study examines all of the things we tend to chase after for fulfillment and then looks at David's life and how he chased after God's heart, which is what we need to be chasing after also. They meet on Sundays at 9:30am in a classroom down the 4's hallway. Facilitator is Kristin Hatton.

Rockies



The Rockies resumed on Wednesday, August 27th. They meet each Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Rockhouse, corner of Arkansas and Dickson Sts., Fayetteville, for Bible Study, a meal and fellowship. For all college-age students. If questions, see Bert and Regina Neely

Tuesday Morning Bible Study



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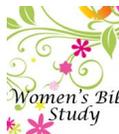
Twice Fed—"GOD'S NOT DEAD"



An atheist Philosophy professor insists his new students declare that "God is dead." Unable to do this, Josh is challenged to defend his faith and prove to the class that *God's Not Dead*. Against all odds, Josh stands up for his faith and takes on the challenge.

Plan to come and watch this movie on Tuesday, September 9th, at 9:30 am in the Family Life Center. Following the movie will be discussion and a snack. If questions, see Tom Brown.

Women's Evening Bible Study



Begins Wednesday, September 10, 5:30 pm, in a classroom down the 4's hallway. The first several weeks will be a movie then we will begin a 4-week Bible study based on Psalms 42:1-2. Feel free to bring a sack lunch if you are coming straight from work. Women of all ages are welcome. Questions? Contact Rose Krause.

Organization News

LWML News and Notes For September



At our August meeting, Sharon Owens facilitated a timely Bible Study, "**Living with Pain. Life Plan Disrupted.**" None of us welcome pain, and even question God when we ask to have it removed, and pain continues and our life is disrupted. Jeremiah 29:11 gives reassurance "For I know the plans I have for you....." The book of Job points out "God is not the only spiritual force in the universe." God promises in Romans 8:28 to work all things for good for those who love Him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Fragrant Sacrifices and Offerings, is the theme of **LWML Sunday**, October 5, 2014. The author, Rev. Victor Belton, pastor of Peace Lutheran Church in Decatur, Georgia, based the service on the Scripture Ephesians 5:2 – *...live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.* We look forward to this worship service.

Once again we will be preparing **Health Kits** to be distributed to people who must flee their homes quickly and often do not have time to pack essential items. Health kits can help refugees maintain personal hygiene while living in exile. Items may also contribute to a new start for those who can return home. We will pack those kits at our October LWML meeting. If you would like to donate items or (gift of money) to this project please note the items needed:

- Dark hand towels
- Dark washcloths
- Bath-size bar (4-5oz.) soap, brand in its original wrapping
- Adult – size toothbrushes individually packaged in original packaging
- Sturdy combs
- Metal nail files or nail clippers with file attached
- Band-Aids (or similar brand), preferably 1/2-3/4 inch

Look for the *purple collection box* in the Narthex. Money donations can be given to any LWML member, turned into the church office, or put into the offering designated for LWML Health Kits.

Plan to purchase a **BOX LUNCH** to be offered after each Worship Service and Sunday School on September 28. Pulled Pork and all the trimmings will be in the box. Proceeds will go to the **Project Compassion Ministry**.

In keeping with our Motto, "Serve the Lord with

Gladness", LWML members prepared and served the girls at Saving Grace on August 14. Visiting the ill and shut-ins and sending cards of cheer and congratulations continues.

Check out the **LWML BULLETIN BOARD** in the Fellowship Hall!

Looking Ahead:

Next meeting – September 9, 2014 at 5:30 in the Meeting Room **ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME!**

Box Lunch Sale – September 28, 2014 after Worship Services and Sunday School

LWML Sunday – October 5, 2014

Fall Zone Rally – October 11, 2014, Bella Vista Lutheran Church

36th Biennial Convention, June 25-28, 2015, Des Moines, Iowa – **BOUNTIFUL! SOW-NOURISH-REAP**

Bet you didn't know Mission Grants for 2013-2015 goal is \$1,830,000.00 and are funded with MITES!

Financial Report—July 2014

General Fund

Beginning Balance	\$ 7,416.18
Income	+ 28,057.20
	35,473.38
Expenses	- 38,477.33
Ending Balance	\$ - 3,003.95

Special Accounts

Beginning Balance	\$ 9,652.17
Income	+ 13,503.40
	23,155.57
Expenses	9,570.51
Ending Balance	\$ 13,585.06

LCEF Accounts (Investments)

Beginning Balance	\$ 64,071.53
Income	10.51
	64,082.04
Expenses	- 1,400.00
Ending Balance	\$ 64,682.04

Mortgage Principle Balance \$ 367,427.81

Cristo Para Todos Account

Beginning Balance	\$ 10,251.39
Income	100.00
	10,351.39
Expenses	0.00
Ending Balance	\$ 10,351.39

Project Compassion

PROJECT COMPASSION In the past four Wednesdays Project Compassion received 40 applications for assistance forms for food, gasoline, eviction notices, shut-off notices on utilities and help for a place to stay. One lady and her son just came here to find work (she was in a women's shelter where she was). They were living in their car. Another family just moved here from Winfield, KS. He had a job already but needed gasoline to get to work before payday. An elderly couple asked for help with medicine. These are just some of the people needing temporary help from Project Compassion. Food is most needed and asked for. Remember, the second Sunday is Project Compassion Sunday where we ask for you to bring non-perishable food items for the P.C. pantry. Monetary gifts are also welcome and a real blessing because we have to purchase food every other week and ot help not only people in our community but our own church members.

Our goal is to share Christ and self with people who are not only hurting financially but hurting spiritually and emotionally. Many do not have Jesus as the master of their lives.

God bless you all for the wonderful support prayers to and for Project Compassion. I wish to thank Larry Pfaffinger, Marion Piazza, and Sharon Owens for giving of their time each week to Project Compassion. Their help is another blessing to Project Compassion.

In His Service,
Billie

Paintings Being Shown



Lutheran artist (and Salem member) Rod Becher's Biblically-themed paintings are being shown in the gallery area of Springdale Public Library from August 31 to September 27. A reception will be held at 5 p.m. on Monday, September 8. Becher is a graduate of Concordia Teachers College (now Concordia University) at Seward, NE and studied under Reinhold Marxhausen and William Wolfram. He taught art in Lutheran grade schools and at the Lutheran High School in Kansas City.



The paintings being shown at the library are from his "Creation", "Epiphany", and "Passion of Christ" series. Becher begins each painting with a thorough research of the Biblical text, to which the painting must conform. Beyond that, the paintings are also more emotional reactions to the text, rather than an attempt to show "how it looked."

Many of the paintings are of a size and format suitable for use in churches and worship spaces. In a time when art is frequently criticized for being strange or empty of meaning, Becher's paintings are an attempt to look deeply at the "old, old story."

Plan to go by the Springdale Public Library to see his paintings.

District Town Hall Meeting



Members, and especially leaders of our congregation, are invited to attend a Mid-South District sponsored Town Hall Meeting hosted by Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Rogers on Monday, September 15 at 7 pm. Let Pastor Krause know if you would like to attend. He has a survey that the district would like for you to fill out before attending the meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to develop a closer relationship between the district office and the congregations of the districts. I hope we will be able to have good representation at the meeting. Our scheduled Board of Directors meeting will need to be changed to Monday, September 22.

New Member Orientation Invitation



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

If you are considering becoming a new member there will be a New Member Orientation Class on Sunday, September 21, at 12:00 p.m., following the 10:30 worship service in the Family Life Center. (gym) The orientation class will introduce the ministries God has given to us and how you might join us in God's mission of connecting people to Jesus. Lunch will be served followed by a number of brief presentations. The lunch and class should take about 60 minutes.

All people considering transferring their membership from another Lutheran Church, those who have attended pastor's Discovery class and anyone who may be interested in attending pastor's Discovery class are invited to come. We will schedule a new Discovery Class following the Orientation. The Discovery Class is for anyone who would like to review Christian doctrine or would like to learn more about the Church's teachings from a Lutheran perspective in order to become a member. It would be a great class to invite a friend who has an interest in knowing more about the Christian faith.

If you are planning to attend, or if you have questions, please feel free to contact the church office at 479-751-9500 or mekrause56@gmail.com. We hope to hear from you. Letting us know you are coming will help us make preparations.

There will be a Spanish new member orientation in October with Pastor Martin.

Pastor Brandon Martin Accepts Call to Serve as Associate Pastor



While I was in Latvia I heard the Good News that Pastor Brandon Martin had accepted the call to serve as our associate pastor. I want to thank everyone for giving him a warm welcome when he and Joy visited us while I was gone. I had a long conversation with Pastor Martin since I returned from Latvia to discuss moving and starting dates. He will have his last Sunday at his current congregation on September 21. They hope to arrive in Springdale on Friday October 3rd. I will let you know when we will be having his installation service. Please keep Pastor Martin and his family in your prayers as they transition from North Carolina to Northwest Arkansas to serve as our pastor.

Spread the word that God has blessed us with a new Spanish speaking pastor.

Events Planning Team



The Events Planning Team is working on several items:

- A reception/potluck/and or picnic for Rev. Brandon Martin and family involving Cristo and Salem sometime in October
- The Festival of Nations in October
- Salem/Cristo Thanksgiving Potluck in November

Then we hope to begin planning items for 2015, such as:

A Valentine's Dinner/Dance in February

We have room for more on this team. If you would like to be a part contact Jill Simmons at 751-0883 or hjill3@yahoo.com or the church office at 751-9359 or ddiercouff@aol.com. We would love your ideas and suggestions.

Next meeting will be Sunday, September 14th, at noon in the Meeting Room (second room down the hall from the church lobby). A light lunch will be provided.

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From Salem Lutheran School



The 2013-2014 school year is now under way here at Salem Lutheran School. We started on August 11 with 81 students enrolled in preschool and 8 classrooms. Ms. Ruth is still out on medical leave from the kitchen and we ask for your continued prayers for healing for her. With that said - there are still openings in our 3 & 4 year old classrooms so if you know of someone who is looking for a quality program, please have them contact the school office.

We are very excited to have the opportunity to not only educate these children academically but more importantly to be able to bring Jesus Christ and the Word of God into their lives daily. I ask that you pray for the staff, children and families daily. There are also many areas and opportunities that you could volunteer your time and talents to the school. Please contact the school office if you are interested in lending a helping hand.

As always the safety of our students and staff is at the fore front of our day. We know many activities overlap during the week days and school and church must work together in sharing the facilities. School staff is required to stop all individuals and ask them who they are and what they are in the building for. It is for safety that we ask these questions and ask for your patience and understanding in our doing so. We thank you in advance for your cooperation, continued support and prayers to the ministry we are sharing here.

Preparations for the school auction are already under way. Please be thinking of items you could donate or places of business you would be willing to call on for donations. Your help is very important to the success of the auction.

Our semi-annual Scholastic Book Fair will be arriving soon. New books may be purchased during the week. You may also see Kris Busch immediately after first service on Sunday morning. The book fair will be open Sept. 8th- 12th. These make wonderful birthday and Christmas gifts! Plan now to stop by and check out all the wonderful books!



You can also help the school financially without giving any money. This can be done through the **SCRIP** program. As an ongoing fundraiser for the school, we continue to sell **SCRIP** cards on Sunday mornings as well as ordering cards each Monday. We offer \$25 and \$100 Wal-Mart cards "over-the-counter" as well as a few other fast food eating establishments, clothing and home improvement stores. When you buy a **SCRIP** card, it is worth the exact amount you paid for it, but in addition the school gets a small percentage. It is a great way to support the school painlessly. There are hundreds of companies that participate in the program. You can find out which ones do by visiting the website, www.shopwithscrip.com and clicking on *SHOP*. You can register to be a user on this website as well and then you would be able to order **SCRIP** online (you would need to get a code number from me to get started). I would be more than happy to help you with this. Be watching in the Sunday morning bulletin inserts as well. I will list some of the possibilities each week as well as what we have available that day. With plenty of consistent users of **SCRIP** in our congregation, Salem Lutheran School would indeed be blessed. If you have any questions please give me a call at the church.

God's blessings to all,
Kris Busch, School Administrator

Keepers of the House



The Keepers will meet on Saturday, September 6, 8:00 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall. If you can spare a couple of hours to help change light bulbs, do general maintenance around the buildings, etc. plan to come at that time. They start out with a wonderful snack provided by Barbara Smith; then tasks are assigned. For more information, contact Joe McKinney.

Serving Salem this Month . . .

Altar

Altar Guild
8:00 AM

Kim Cooper (except the 14th)

10:30

Jill Simmons

Altar Linens
Susan Faulk

Greeters

8:00 Larry and Beverly Pfaffinger

Communion Assistants

8:00 Dan Bierwagen and Bill Brandt

Ushers

8:00 Mike Cooper, Zac Smith, Tom Smith,
Mike Wilson, Bob Smith

Arise Service Helper

Team: Jason Hatton

Flowers

	Stand #1	Stand #2	Piano
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7th	Charles Jones		
14th			
21st			
28th			

Scripture Readers - 8:00am

7th	Laurie Raffel
14th	Carl Johnson
21st	Charles Jones
28th	Mike Lindeman

Flowers



A sign up poster for flowers is located on the bulletin board in the lobby area. Flowers may be ordered from a local florist, made by Julie Hoff, or you may make your own. Contact the church office the Thursday before your Sunday and let Darlene know what your flowers are for.

Also, for best results, please bring bouquets of live flowers before the 8:00 am service on Sunday.

Direct Deposit Giving



There are a growing number of people using direct deposit giving. If you bank online it is easy to set up an account for Salem and your gifts will go directly into the church's account. The church gets a notice so you will receive credit. If you would still like to place an empty offering envelop in the offering plate on Sunday morning that's ok also. Talk to Marilyn Bierwagen if you have questions.

Thrivent Choice Dollars



Thrivent Financial
"Choice Dollars"

If you have Thrivent Choice Dollars don't forget to transfer them to Salem Lutheran Church or School. It is easy to do online. If you are not online you will have to call the Thrivent Home office at 800-847-4836. This is another great opportunity to support our ministry.

Salem Celebrates!

September Birthdays

Lori A. Smith	9/1
Susan Faulk	9/2
Iris Livingston	9/2
Nathan Plowman	9/2
Bob Smith	9/2
Daniel Burnett	9/4
Mary Ann Wood	9/4
Lisa Pfitzinger	9/6
Julie Tetzlaff	9/7
Virginia Detmer	9/8
Kristin (Hawes) Douty	9/8
Nathan Keeling	9/8
Darlene Lampe	9/8
Sarah Black	9/10
Sarah Pfitzinger	9/10
Hannah Black	9/11
Kris Busch	9/11
Nikki Lossner	9/14
Shelly Bladdick	9/15
Tyler Garrison	9/15
Harley Tetzlaff	9/15
Barbara Schatz	9/17
Craig Thompson	9/18
Andrew Grosze	9/19
Garrett Grosze	9/19
Larry Pfaffinger	9/19
Andrea Gordley	9/20
Elaine McKinney	9/20
Linda Phillips	9/21
Cassie Blackwell	9/22
Elke Goode	9/22
Caiti Tresner	9/22
Dawn Gage	9/27
Gary Dandy	9/28
Carolyn Halbert	9/28
Carl Johnson	9/28
Rochelle Hawes	9/30
Tom Smith	9/30

September Baptism Birthdays

Odie Tresner	9/2
Marilyn Winters	9/6
Kristin (Hawes) Douty	9/11
Deanne Harris	9/12
Jacob Grayson	9/12
Blake Hatch	9/12
Chris Adams	9/17
Mary Ann Adams	9/17
Mila Young	9/17
Caleb Young	9/17
Denise Canada	9/19
Hannah Black	9/23
Sarah Black	9/23
Allister Fougne	9/25

Phyllis Tresner	9/25
Shelly Bladdick	9/26
Kathleen Smith	9/26
Barbara Schatz	9/26

September Wedding Anniversaries

Mike and Tansy Lindeman
9/1/1979—35 years

John and Helen Prinos
9/1/1951—63 years

Marty and Tracy Burnett
9/8/1990—24 years

Rev. Mark and Rose Krause
9/8/1979—35 years

James and Anna Drittler
9/12/1992—22 years

Paige and Kris Busch
9/20/1980—34 years

Our Church Family

Directory Changes

Almost ready to print a new church directory. Please let me know if any of your information needs to be updated, especially emails and phone numbers. Darlene

New Members

Page 10 Fischaber, David & Jill
8255 La Scala
Springdale, AR 72762
405-200-9334
E-Mail: jdfischaber@cox.net

New Phone Number

Page 18 Norris, Rocky & Ramona
(479) 387-2821

Armed Services List

The following members, friends, and family members continue to serve in Iraq, Afghanistan and other areas. We, as their church family, want to continue to uphold them and their families in prayer. As we pray for peace, please also remember all the service men and women serving throughout the world.

Aaron Bohannon—at Ft. Hood

Jesse Pointer—grandson of Nancy Allor—in Afghanistan

Trent Keyes—son-in-law of Mike and Kim Cooper—in Afghanistan

Prayer List

Each month, the Men's Bible Study prays for six Salem families/friends. The families chosen for September are:

Kelly and Trent Keyes
Leighton
Rev. Ken and Darlene Lampe
Matthew and *Danielle* Rathburn
Wyatt, Mason, McKenna
Richard Smith
Dennis and *Mary* Tresner
Adam, Caiti
John and Doris Bowerman

Please join the Men's Bible Study Group in saying prayers for these families this month.

SEPTEMBER 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p style="text-align: center;">Each Sunday</p> <p>Traditional Service w/ Communion 8:00</p> <p>Praise Band Practice 8:00</p> <p>Sunday School 9:15</p> <p>Bible Class 9:30</p> <p>Arise Contemporary Service w/Communion 10:30</p> <p>Cristo Para Todos Service w/Communion 10:30</p> <p>Volleyball</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">1</p> <p>Labor Day</p> <p>Church Office and School Closed!</p> <p>No Dance Group</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2</p> <p>Bible Study 9:30</p> <p>Salem Soccer Academy 5:30—7:30</p> <p>Piano Lessons 6:00</p> <p>Soccer 7:00</p> <p>Choir 7:15</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3</p> <p>Fresh Start 7:00</p> <p>Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30</p> <p>Chapel 8:30</p> <p>Project Compassion 9:00</p> <p>Women's Bible Study 9:00</p> <p>Youth Night 5:30</p> <p>Women's Bible Study 5:30</p> <p>Rockies 6:30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">4</p> <p>Cristo Praise Band Practice 5:30</p> <p>Soccer Academy 5:30—7:30</p> <p>Volleyball</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">5</p> <p>No Soccer</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">6</p> <p>Keepers of the House 8:00</p> <p>Quinceañera in Church and FLC 3:00</p> <p>No Praise Band Practice</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">7</p> <p>13th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>Grandparent's Day</p> <p>Sunday School Kick-Off—FLC 9:15</p> <p>(Same as Each Sunday)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">8</p> <p>Scholastic Book Fair—12th</p> <p>Reception for Rod Becher 5:00</p> <p>Dance Group 6:00</p> <p>ESL 7:00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">9</p> <p>Twice Fed 9:30</p> <p>LWML 5:30</p> <p>Soccer Academy 5:30—7:30</p> <p>Piano Lessons 6:00</p> <p>Soccer 7:00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10</p> <p>(Same as 3rd)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">11</p> <p>Patriot Day</p> <p>(Same as 4th)</p> <p>ESL 7:00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">12</p> <p>Soccer</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">13</p> <p>Praise Band Practice 6:30</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">14</p> <p>14th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>Project Compassion Sunday</p> <p>(Same as 3rd)</p> <p>Event Planning Mtg. 12:00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">15</p> <p>Traditional Dance Group 6:00</p> <p>Town Hall Meeting 7:00</p> <p>ESL 7:00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">16</p> <p>4's Parent/ Teachers Conferences</p> <p>Bible Study 9:30 (Lunch after Bible Study)</p> <p>Circuit Pastor's Conference 9:30</p> <p>Elders Team 6:30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">17</p> <p>Citizenship Day</p> <p>4's Parent/Teacher Conferences</p> <p>(Same as 3rd)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">18</p> <p>(Same as 11th)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">19</p> <p>Lokomotion/ Fellowship Night—6:00—9:30</p> <p>Soccer</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">20</p> <p>Praise Band Practice 6:00</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">21</p> <p>15th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>New Member Orientation lunch 12:00</p> <p>Children's Ministry Mtg. 12:00</p> <p>Our Neighbor's Faith 5:00</p> <p>(Same as Each Sunday)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">22</p> <p>Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist (transferred)</p> <p>Dance Group 6:00</p> <p>Bd. of Directors 6:30</p> <p>Property Board 6:30</p> <p>ESL 7:00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">23</p> <p>Fall Begins</p> <p>(Same as 2nd)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">24</p> <p>(Same as 3rd)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">25</p> <p>Rosh Hashanah</p> <p>(Same as 11th)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">26</p> <p>Soccer</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">27</p> <p>Praise Band Practice 6:30</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">28</p> <p>16th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>LWML Take-Out Lunches Fundraiser— after Bible Class/ Worship Services (Same as Each Sunday)</p> <p>Bilingual Service 10:30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">29</p> <p>St Michael and All Angels</p> <p>(Same as Each Sunday)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">30</p> <p>(Same as 2nd)</p>				

Youth—Children—Outreach

News from August

After July's busy month, August was much lighter on activities as we used it as a visioning and planning month. We'll ask for your patience this month as we continue with more visioning and planning during the process of transitioning Pastor Brandon Martin into our ministry team. We are very excited for him to come and hopeful that he and his family will be a blessing to us and that we all will be a blessing to him and his family. Please keep him in prayer during this process and please also keep us in your prayers that we would have God's guidance in moving forward.

Fall Kick off— "Drenched to Drip"

Our theme for our fall kick-off was 'Drenched to Drip' where we talked about how we are drenched in God's grace, love, and forgiveness, and then our job is to go "drip" that everywhere we go. Our night included getting "drenched" in water games and then "Dripping" as we had a prayer walk in the community. We will be discussing this idea more over the next month in our Discipleship class.





UPCOMING PLANS



Lokomotion—Fellowship Night **Friday, Sept 19th**
6:00pm—9:30pm
Unlimited GoKarts, Lazer Tag, Mini-Golf, Bumper Boats, & Paddle Boats
Only \$15!

This will be an event for both youth & children, but we ask that any child under the age of 8 be accompanied by a parent or relative. We will leave from the church at 6:00pm and return at 9:30pm. Please eat beforehand or bring money for food there. Contact Kristin if you are interested in going so that we can have an accurate count of numbers to give to Lokomotion.

Children’s Ministry Meeting **Sunday, September 21st** **12:00pm**

We will be planning Fall Festival and discussing other plans for Children’s ministry, including the possibility of a children’s ministry workshop. Anyone interested in Children’s ministry is welcome to join!

Current Plans - Future Plans are Still under Construction. . .

We will be working with Pastor Martin on future plans for ministry, especially in the areas of youth & outreach. However, our current plan for Wednesday nights is to continue our classes as is without students moving up to a different level. When Pastor Martin comes, we will likely add one more class to Wednesdays night and then do some shifting. Pastor Krause will still be doing the confirmation class, Mauricio the 3rd-5th, and Kristin & Jason the Discipleship class (post-confirmation). We will be working with Parents/volunteers to have a fun activity on Sept 24th in place of regular classes, but all other Wednesdays will have normal class schedule.



Schedule

• **Wed Night Activities**

3rd grade & up
Every Wednesday
5:30-8:00/8:30pm
Fellowship Hall/Gym

• **ESL Classes**

Anyone Interested
Mon & Thurs
7:00—8:30pm
Fellowship Hall

• **Young Adult Bible Studies**

Ages 16-30+
September
Preschool Music Room
& Large Meeting Room

Lokomotion Night

Youth & Children
Sept 19th
6:00pm-9:30pm
Lokomotion—Fayetteville

Children's Ministry Meeting

Anyone Interested
Sept 21
12:00pm
Small Meeting Room

We want YOU to join our team!

**Want to be involved in a fun & rewarding program?
Want to help people in a practical way?
Want to have lots of laughs and meet joyful & thankful students?**

... Then ESL is a great fit for YOU!

If you can speak, read, and write English—then you're qualified!

ESL is a very exciting and fun ministry in which to be involved. The students are very grateful and kind. We truly have a lot of fun as the process of learning a new language really can be comical, though the difficulty of it can be frustrating also. Learning a new language is incredibly difficult, but also essential for these students. It is incredibly rewarding to be able to help students move toward a greater understanding of the English language. We have a new curriculum we will be using on Mondays and will be trying to do more interactive and small group work on Thursdays. However, in order to that we need more volunteers especially on Thursdays (though Monday is helpful also). If you are interested, but feeling uncertain—you are more than welcome to come and just observe for a night or speak with one of our current teachers about what it is like. Please contact Kristin Hatton if you think you might be interested (870-421-4348).



Wednesday Night Activities—Every Week in September

New Young Adult Bible Studies—Sundays 9:30am—

Women's Study—“Chase”

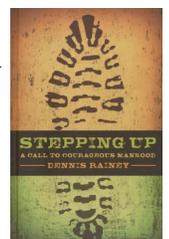
“God is invisible, and yet He is the only thing we can chase that won't leave us feeling more empty.” – Jennie Allen

A Bible Study for Young Adult women will be starting in September. The women will be having a discussion based study of the Bible Study called “Chase” by Jennie Allen. This study examines all of the things we tend to chase after for fulfillment and then looks at David's life and how he chased after God's heart, which is what we need to be chasing after also. See Kristin Hatton for questions.



Men's Study—“Stepping Up”

“A Call to Courageous Manhood”
New Bible Study for men ages 16—30ish. This video Bible study, “Stepping Up” gives young men a definition and plan that they can live out. It unpacks Biblical manhood and what it means to be a godly, courageous man in today's world. This will be a great opportunity for these men to meet together to learn, share and grow from this study. The Bible Study is a 10-week study and will begin this Fall. See Brandon Gordley for questions.



Salem Lutheran Auction

Fellow Salem Members,

The School staff is busy working on our annual Silent Auction fundraiser! To ensure this event is a success, we need your help!

Planning for the auction has been in progress. Donation letters to area business have been sent. All classes are putting together class baskets and working on class projects. Bid sheets are being prepared. Donations are beginning to come in. **But we still need your help!**

If you own your own business, know of a business that would be willing to donate item (s) or services for the auction, or if your place of employment would be willing to donate (items, gift cards, certificates, money) to the auction **we would appreciate your help in asking them.** We will give everyone who donates recognition for their contribution. We have a letter with tax information for any company who needs one to show their donation to our school.

Please fill in the form below and return to Kris Busch or the church office by Sunday, September 28th. It would be helpful to have all donated items here by Friday, October 31st.

Check one or more below:

_____ I am able to help contribute a donation from _____ business.

_____ I am able to use my time/talents to make _____ to donate.
(crafts, scrapbooks, recipe holder, blankets, paintings, etc...)

_____ I will be happy to contact area businesses for donations.

Name _____

Best phone # and time to reach you
at _____

We appreciate all your help and support! The auction will open for bidding on **Sunday, November 9th and close on Monday, November 17th.** Watch for more information on the closing of the auction as time gets closer. ***If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kris Busch (751-9500). Thank you!***

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SEPTEMBER EVENTS

1st	Labor Day—Church Office and School Closed
2nd	Bible Study resumes—9:30 am—Meeting Room
3rd	Women's Bible Study resumes—9:00 am—Meeting Room Youth Night—5:30—8:00/8:30—FLC
7th	Grandparent's Day
8th	ESL resumes on Mondays and Thursdays—7:00pm—F. Hall
8th—12th	Scholastic Book Fair—F. Hall
11th	Patriot Day—in remembrance of those 2,977 killed on 9/11/2001
14th	Project Compassion Sunday
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